

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY



STINGER SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL MERIT AWARDS A SUCCESS

Players and coaches from 12 Montreal area high school football teams were honored Monday night, January 20, by the Concordia University Alumni Association.

The second annual High School Football Merit Awards banquet, held at the Loyola Campus Centre, was attended by Montreal Concordes head coach Gary Durchik and players Glenn Keeble, Doug Scott, Rob Smith, Mark Hopkins, Jacques Chapdelaine, George Voelk and Peter Dalla Riva, a former all-star tight end for the now defunct Alouettes. Among the Concordia Alumni representatives on hand was Ottawa Rough Riders offensive lineman Nick Benjamin, who was selected first overall in the 1985 Canadian Football League college draft following a brilliant four year career with the Stingers.

Organized by Stingers head coach Skip Rochette, and a committee dedicated to the amateur football scene, the evening also featured the presentation of the Montreal Alouette/Concorde Alumni Association Award to the Most Valuable Player to a Quebec university football team. Two-time Concordia all-Canadian linebacker Greg Miller was chosen as this year's recipient by coaches and journalists. Alumni Association president Bob Anderson presented him with a trophy while a \$1,000 cheque went towards the promotion and development of the Stingers football program.

The high school coaches and players received commemorative plaques, with the Concordia insignia. They greatly enjoyed this unique opportunity to rub elbows with the pros. The seating plan was arranged so that one professional athlete spent the evening dining with a group of youngsters, each from different teams.